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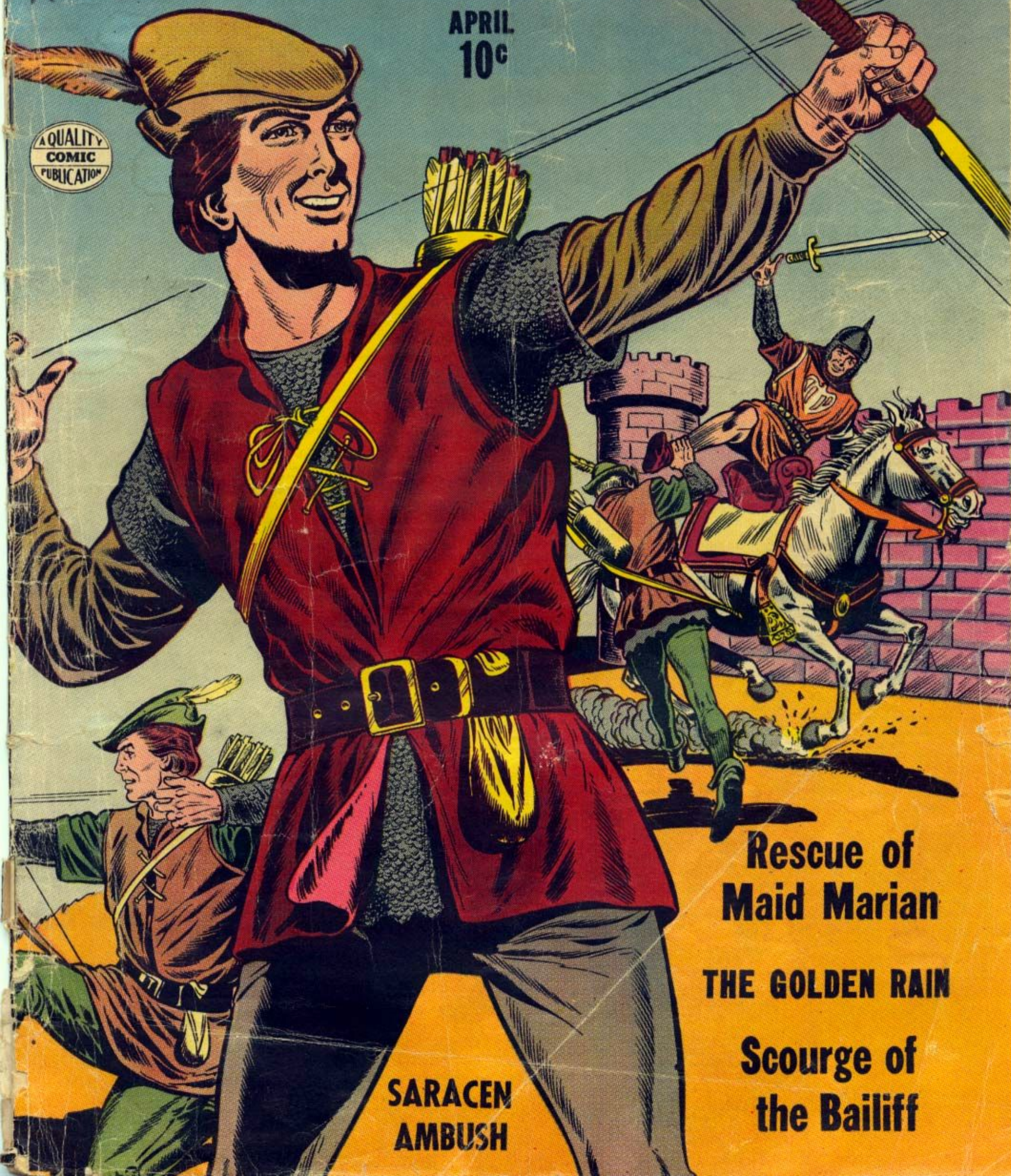


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IT'S TRUE! Now you can get the breath-taking acceleration... jack-rabbit starts... blazing new power that you've dreamed about for years—simply by harnessing the raw, unburnt gasoline that your engine is wasting today!

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By RICHARD JOHNS

Mr. Car Owner! How would you like to have the driving thrill of your life next weekend?

Picture this yourself! Next weekend you go down to your car—the same tired car that you've been driving for years. You've made only one simple change to that car, so easy that your 16-year-old son could do it! But now, when you turn on the ignition, a modern miracle of engineering science comes to life under your hood!

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We ask you to pull up to another car at the stop light, of approximately the same year and make as your own! Wait until the light changes from red to green. Let the other car start first. Wait till the other car gets half way across the street. And then slam your foot down on the gas pedal!

Before that other car has even crossed the street, you will have caught up with him. For one brief second, you and that other car will race fender to fender. And then you will flash away from him... you will leave him a full block behind... you will look in your rear view mirror and see the startled look of amazement in the other driver's eyes!

## TEST THIS NEW POWER A HUNDRED DIFFERENT WAYS!

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it on the highway! Use it to flash away from other cars... spurt up the steepest hills... actually pass other cars in 2, 4, 6 and even 8 seconds LESS than you could have done formerly!

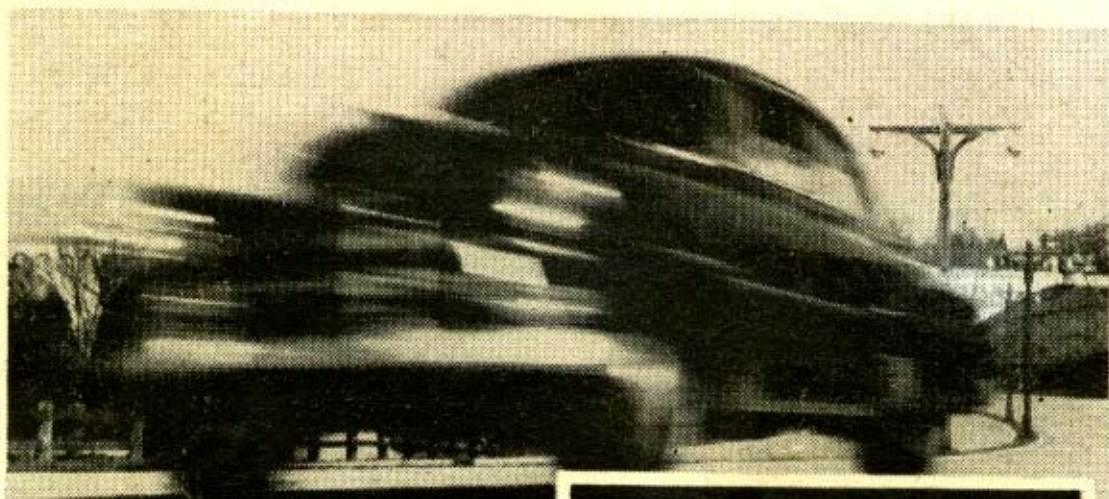
Test this equipment in long-range driving! See the enormous gas savings it gives you at high speeds! Prove to yourself that at 50... 60... even 70 miles an hour, your foot is still half-way up on the pedal—you still have all the reserve power you need to get out of any emergency on the highway!

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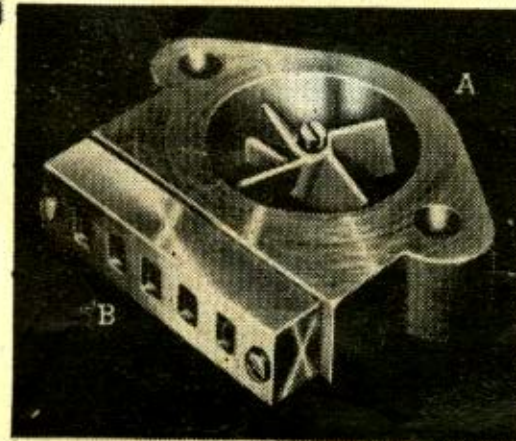
### HOW DOES THIS PRODUCT GIVE YOU SUCH TREMENDOUS NEW POWER?

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Gasoline in its liquid form is not explosive. If you accidentally



YES! This amazing "MINI-SUPERCHARGER" gives you as much as 20 more horse power from your engine! Gives you the gas economy you've dreamed about for years! Here's why. This Power Booster works on exactly the same principle as superchargers selling for as high as \$600. Its whirlwind propeller (A) breaks up the raw, unburnt gas that your engine is wasting today... gives you blazing new power from every drop! Its emergency breather valve (B) forces huge quantities of fresh air into your engine... forces that engine to breathe deeper... push harder... pile up more mileage from every gallon you buy! It gives you a TREMENDOUS NEW BURST OF MONEY-SAVING POWER, just when you need it most—when you flash away from traffic... shoot up steep hills... pick up speed on the open highway! No wonder dozens of leading car magazines call this the "money-saving discovery of the year." Test this amazing gas-saver yourself—without risking a penny! THE THRILLING FACTS ARE ON THIS PAGE!



drop a lighted match into a bucket full of gasoline, the chances are 10 to 1 that that gasoline will actually put out that match. But simply mix that same bucket full of gas with the proper amount of air, and you will have enough explosive power to drive a ten ton truck!

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No wonder men have paid up to \$600 for Superchargers! What we are offering you on this page is a MINI-SUPERCHARGER—easier to install—less expensive! But still the only power product you can buy with all these tremendous advantages:

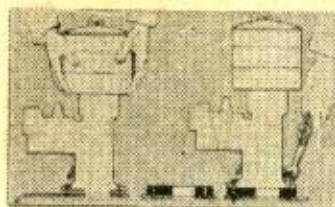
1. You can install it yourself, in just 30 minutes, even if you never picked up a tool before in your life! No \$10, \$15 or \$20 mechanic's bills! No drilling, or grinding of any kind! You never

even touch the inside of your engine!

2. It never needs further adjustments, for the full lifetime of your car! Nothing to go out of order or break down on the highway.

3. It takes up no room in your car... makes no "souped-up" noise! No shifting around of engine parts. No "hot rod" noises to cause embarrassment!

### SO EASY TO INSTALL THAT EVEN YOUR 16-YEAR-OLD SON CAN DO IT!



### HERE'S ALL YOU DO!

Step 1. Open your hood. Locate Air Cleaner and Carburetor Unit that sits smack on top of your engine. Simply take an ordinary wrench and loosen the

two or three bolts that hold carburetor to the engine!

Step 2. Lift up the carburetor. Put MINI-SUPERCHARGER unit in place. What could be easier?

Step 3. Replace carburetor. Now turn on your engine! And then get in and take the most thrilling drive of your life!

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1. They fit onto the carburetor of your car, where they replace the standard Idling Adjustment Screw. If you have a six-cylinder car, then you will need only one of the Air Bleed Needles (regular retail price \$1.50). If you have an eight-cylinder car, then you will need two needles (regular retail price—\$1.00). In either case, you simply unscrew the old needle and put in the new. THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT! Even if you never looked under your hood before, you can do it in 60 seconds... without touching a tool, without even getting your hands dirty!



2. The purpose of these Air Bleed Needles is to STOP YOUR CAR FROM WASTING GAS IN STOP-AND-GO DRIVING... and to save you up to 2 to 4 miles a gallon. If you use your car to go shopping... if you have to fight traffic as much as once a week, then we believe you'll bless the day you first put this equipment in your car! And of course, at the same time it can give your easier, quieter performance and pick-up and smoother, more economical idling!

REMEMBER, THIS IS PROBABLY YOUR ONLY CHANCE TO GET THESE AMAZING AIR BLEED NEEDLES AS A FREE GIFT—a gift that is worth as much as \$3 to you—and a gift that is yours to keep even if you return the MINI-SUPERCHARGER!

But you must act today! Our supply is limited! We can make this offer only this one time in this newspaper! Simply send us the make and year of your car, and this gift is yours! BUT ACT TODAY!

### Here's Proof!

SCIENTIFIC TESTS SHOW AMAZING NEW HORSEPOWER, STARTLING GAS SAVINGS!

Installation of the item was exceptionally easy—less than 25 minutes. Immediate results show a definite increase of 11 horsepower on the Dynamometer—and the increase in mileage was easily up to 5 miles more per gallon.

Sincerely, VINCENT LOMBARDI  
Service Manager of one of the country's largest new-car organizations.

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"I must tell you about the wonderful results your supercharger has given my 1954 Ford V-8. On a recent trip to Canada I averaged an easy 22 miles a gallon both going and coming, and the new power I get is really thrilling."

—Mrs. Jeanette Ellenbogen, Bronx, N.Y.  
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—O. J. Bryant, Yellowstone Park, Wyo.

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# Robin Hood

SIR GUNDER, 'TIS THE OUTLAW, ROBIN HOOD, ABOUT TO RESCUE MAID MARIAN FROM HER TOWER PRISON!

THEN DON'T STAND GAWKING, FOOLS! SLASH THE ROPE AND SEND ROBIN HOOD TO HIS DOOM!

**T**HIS IS A GALLANT STORY THAT HAS RUNG DOWN THROUGH THE AGES! IT IS THE STORY OF A DARING NOBLEMAN WHO BECAME AN OUTLAW TO SERVE HIS KING AND COUNTRY! AS ROBIN HOOD, HE GATHERED A FULL TEN-SCORE MERRY MEN WHO FOUGHT WITH LAUGHTER AND A SONG ON THEIR LIPS --- WHO RISKED THE GALLOWS DAILY TO AID THE POOR AND HONEST AND TO KEEP THE SPARK OF FREEDOM ALIVE IN TORMENTED ENGLAND!

## RESCUE OF Maid Marian



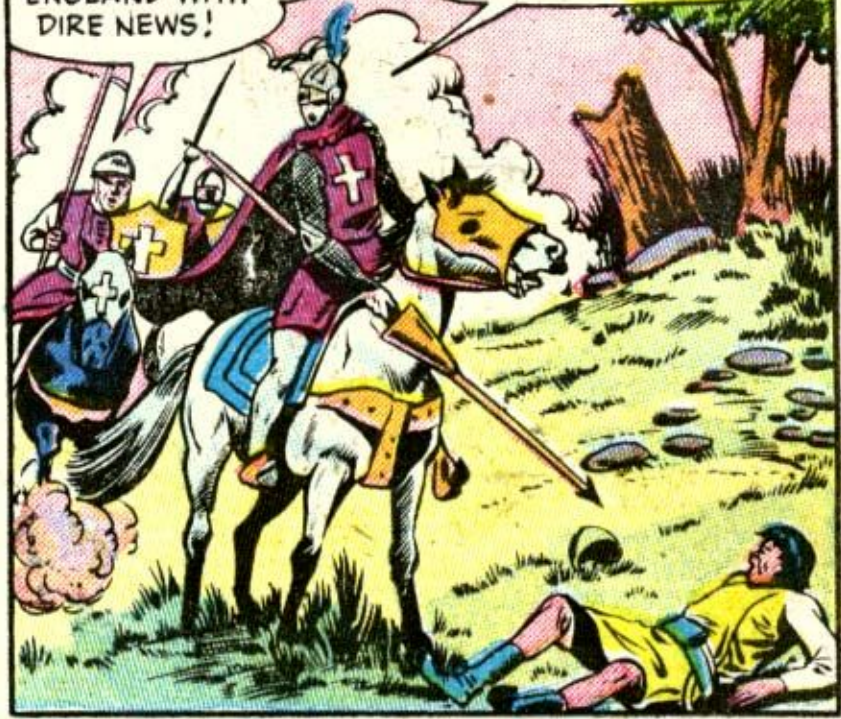


IN THE CRUSADE TO FREE THE HOLY LAND, THERE WAS NONE WHO FOUGHT SO FIERCELY AS THE MIGHTY KING RICHARD, THE LION-HEARTED!



YOUR MAJESTY, COME AT ONCE! A COURIER HAS ARRIVED FROM ENGLAND WITH DIRE NEWS!

I FEARED THIS! BIND THIS INFIDEL CAPTIVE WHILE I HASTE TO MY PAVILION!



YOUR HALF BROTHER, PRINCE JOHN, HAS USURPED YOUR THRONE! HIS ROBBER BARONS OPPRESS THE POOR AND DESPOIL YOUR LOYAL FOLLOWERS!

JOHN WAS EVER GREEDY AND COLD OF HEART! I SHUDDER FOR THE PLIGHT OF ENGLAND UNDER HIS CRUEL FIST! I MUST RETURN AT ONCE!

BUT IF I LEAVE THE SARACENS WILL SWEEP BACK AND THIS CRUSADE WILL FAIL! WHAT THINK YOU, LORD ROBERT?

SIRE, LET ME GO IN YOUR PLACE! AS EARL OF HUNTINGTON I HAVE FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES, LOYAL TO YOU! I HAVE WEALTH AND LANDS!

I CAN ORGANIZE SAXON AND LOYAL NORMAN ALIKE TO STAND AGAINST THE USURPER AND PRESERVE LIBERTY UNTIL YOU RETURN!

SO BE IT, LORD ROBERT! THERE IS NO MAN BRAVER OR MORE LOYAL TO ENTRUST WITH SO GRAVE A MISSION! LEAVE AT ONCE!



AND SO THERE CAME A MOONLESS NIGHT WHEN A LONG-BOAT GRATED ITS BOW AGAINST THE SANDS ON AN ENGLISH BEACH!

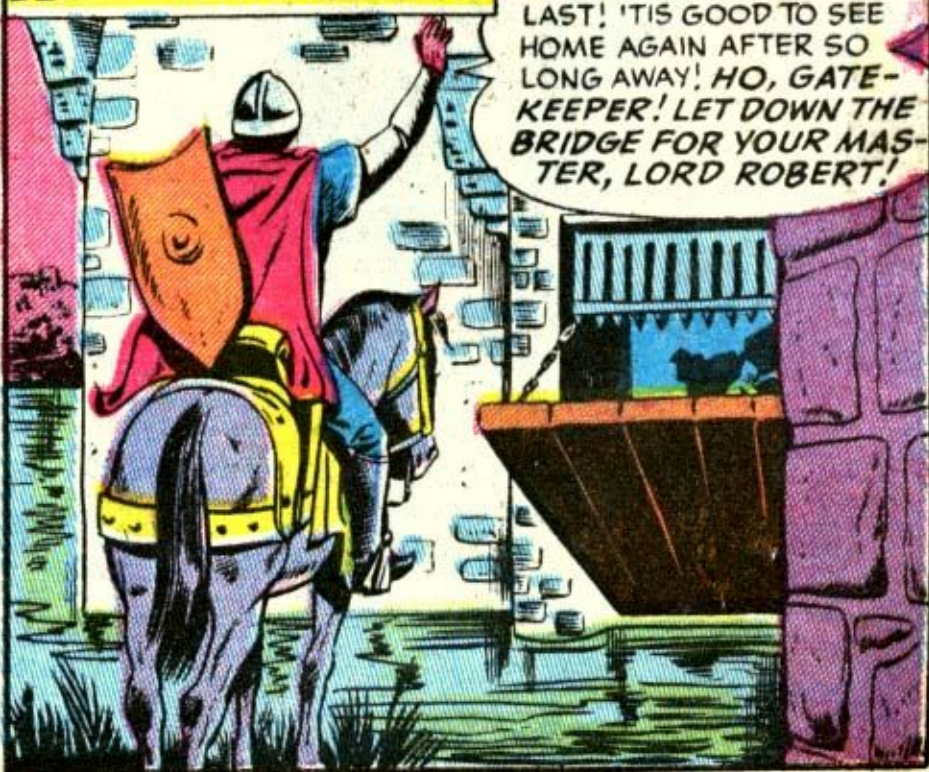
HAVE A CARE, MILORD! 'TIS SAID THOSE WHO DEFY PRINCE JOHN ARE HANGED ON TRUMPED-UP CHARGES OR NONE AT ALL!

FEAR NOT! EVEN THE WICKED PRINCE JOHN WILL THINK TWICE ERE HE LAYS VIOLENT HAND ON THE EARL OF HUNTINGTON!



AND THE NEXT AFTERNOON...

HUNTINGTON CASTLE AT LAST! 'TIS GOOD TO SEE HOME AGAIN AFTER SO LONG AWAY! HO, GATE-KEEPER! LET DOWN THE BRIDGE FOR YOUR MASTER, LORD ROBERT!





THERE WAS A STRANGE LONG QUIET IN HUNTINGTON CASTLE UNTIL AT LAST THE DRAWBRIDGE CHAINS BEGAN TO CLANK!



COME, COME!  
WHY SO SLUGGARDLY TO  
GREET ME?

WHAT MEANS THIS? YOU'RE NOT MY  
OLD RETAINERS! I DON'T SEE A FACE  
I'D RECOGNIZE AMONG YOU!

'TIS EASILY  
EXPLAINED,  
MILORD...



...THESE  
HAPPEN  
TO BE MY  
RETAINERS!

WHA...? SIR GUNDER  
...AND PRINCE JOHN,  
THE USURPER!  
WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING, MAKING  
FREE WITH MY  
ANCESTRAL  
CASTLE?



WATCH YOUR  
NAMES, SIRRAH!  
THIS IS SIR  
GUNDER'S CASTLE,  
SEIZED FROM YOU  
FOR DISLOYALTY  
AND GIVEN TO  
HIM FOR HIS  
SERVICES!

WILL YOU STAND  
SHOUTING LIKE  
A FISHMONGER  
THERE? OR WILL  
YOU ENTER MY  
HALL AND LEARN  
THE COURSE  
OF EVENTS!

DISLOYALTY...?



YOU WERE LONG  
AWAY, SIR ROBERT!  
YOU MUST HAVE  
MISSED THIS  
KINGLY COMFORT!  
NOW THAT I CALL  
MYSELF KING...

SIRE, A SWINE MAY  
CALL HIMSELF A  
BIRD... BUT THE  
NAME CANNOT  
LIFT HIM FROM THE  
MUD TO A  
TREETOP!



WHA...? FOR THAT  
SLUR, MY SWORD  
WILL DO MY  
VENGEANCE...

HOLD THY STEEL! FOR SUCH AN  
INSULT I COULD HAVE HIM  
HANGED, BUT I'M A MERCIFUL  
MAN! MILORD, I OFFER YOU FULL  
PARDON...

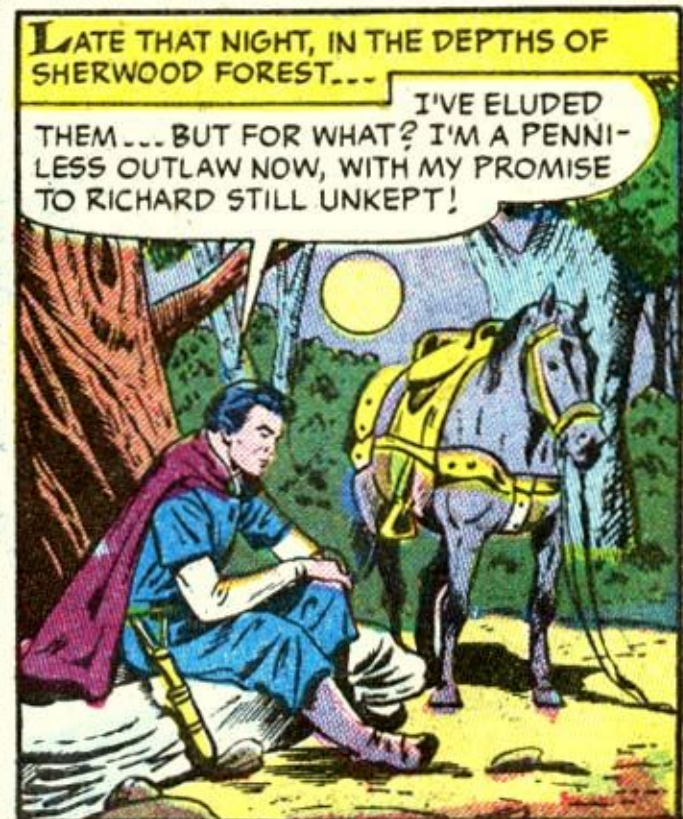


SIGN THIS OATH OF  
ALLEGIANCE TO ME  
AND YOU GO FREE!  
SERVE ME WELL  
AND YOU WILL BE  
RICHLI REWARDED!  
REFUSE AND YOU  
HANG!

SIRE, MY LOYALTY IS TO RICHARD  
AND ENGLAND! COMPARED TO  
SERVING YOUR EVIL DESIGNS, EVEN  
HANGING WOULD BE PLEASANT!











**SUDDENLY...**

UP, SIR KNIGHT! STAND AND DELIVER THY PURSE!

WHA...? E'EN IF I HAD PURSE OR PENNY, I'D DELIVER NAUGHT BUT MY STEEL TO ROGUES OF YOUR ILK!



I TROW YOU... **HOLD!** YOU'RE EBAN AND DURK, MY OLD MEN-AT-ARMS!

**AWRRK! MASTER ROBERT!** DURK, 'TIS MILORD, HOME FROM THE HOLY LAND!



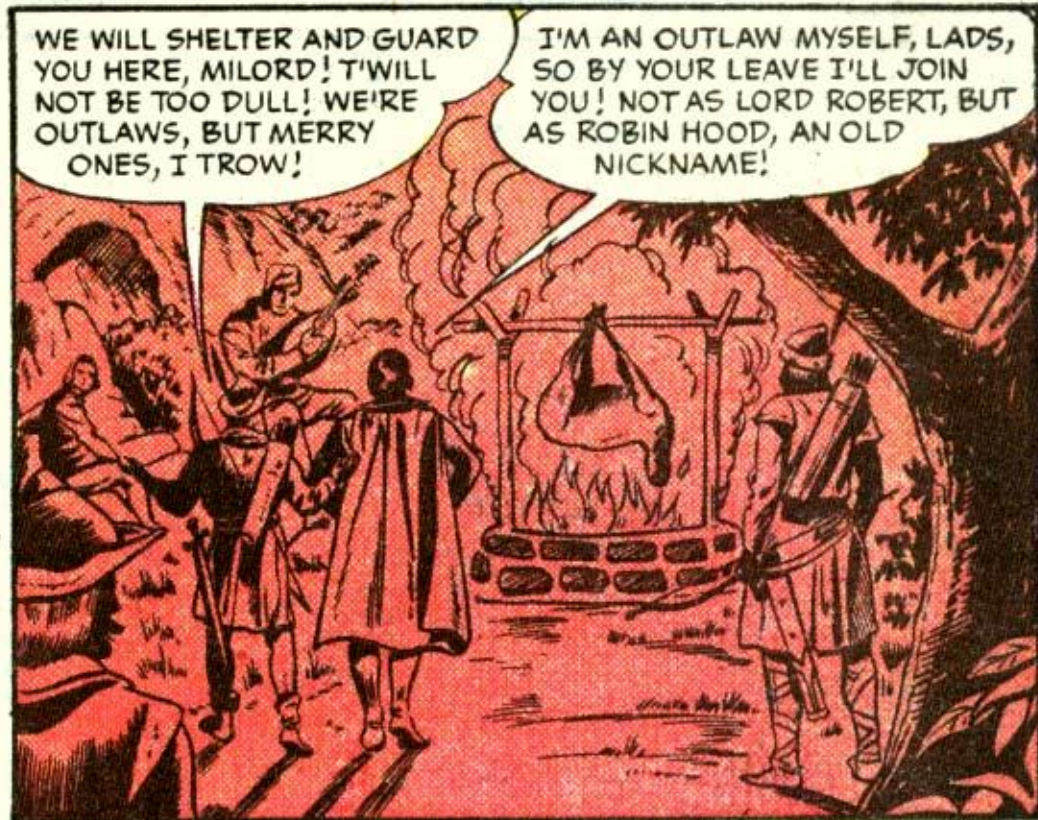
A THOUSAND PARDONS, SIRE! WE KNEW YOU NOT!

ARISE, OLD FRIENDS, AND EXPLAIN WHAT TURNED HONEST RETAINERS INTO CUT-PURSE OUT-LAWS!



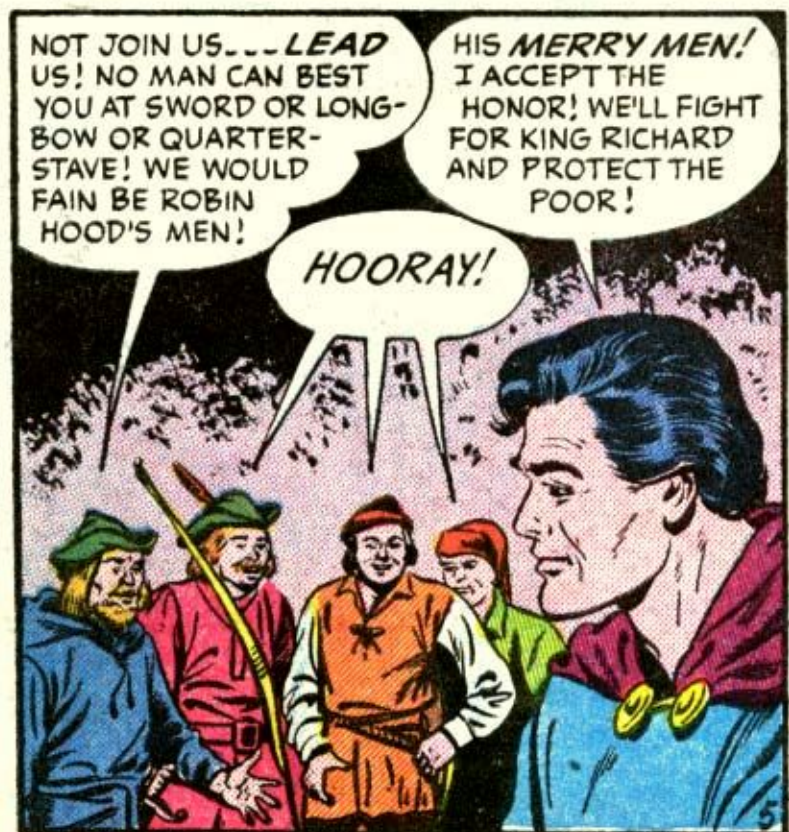
WHEN SIR GUNDER TOOK YOUR ESTATES, WE HAD A CHOICE... SERVE HIM OR TURN OUTLAW! WE FLED HERE WITH A SCORE OF OTHER STOUT MEN!

WE ROB ONLY THE RICH OPPRESSORS, SIRE, AND PRAY FOR THE DAY KING RICHARD RETURNS! COME TO OUR HIDEOUT AND SUP WITH US!



WE WILL SHELTER AND GUARD YOU HERE, MILORD! 'T'WILL NOT BE TOO DULL! WE'RE OUTLAWS, BUT MERRY ONES, I TROW!

I'M AN OUTLAW MYSELF, LADS, SO BY YOUR LEAVE I'LL JOIN YOU! NOT AS LORD ROBERT, BUT AS ROBIN HOOD, AN OLD NICKNAME!



NOT JOIN US... **LEAD** US! NO MAN CAN BEST YOU AT SWORD OR LONG-BOW OR QUARTER-STAVE! WE WOULD FAIN BE ROBIN HOOD'S MEN!

HIS **MERRY MEN!** I ACCEPT THE HONOR! WE'LL FIGHT FOR KING RICHARD AND PROTECT THE POOR!

**HOORAY!**

**T**HUS WAS BORN THE MOST FAMOUS BAND OF HONEST OUTLAWS IN ALL HISTORY... **ROBIN HOOD AND HIS MERRY MEN OF SHERWOOD FOREST!**



**...AND RIGHT MERRILY DID THEY WAR ON THE TYRAN- NIES OF PRINCE JOHN AND HIS GREEDY NOBLES!**

**YIIIIII!** LET ME DOWN! PRINCE JOHN WILL HAVE YOUR EARS FOR THIS!

ANY TIME HE WANTS TO COME FOR THEM, WE PROMISE HIM WARM WELCOME! GET HIS GOLD, LADS! 'T'WAS WRUNG FROM HIS POOR SERFS BY FORCE!



PRINCE JOHN RAISED THE TAXES...AND ROBIN HOOD'S MERRY MEN HAD RARE SPORT WITH THE TAX COLLECTORS!

YOU FORCED THE LAST TWO PENNIES FROM THESE FOLK! NOW HAND IT BACK, VULTURE!

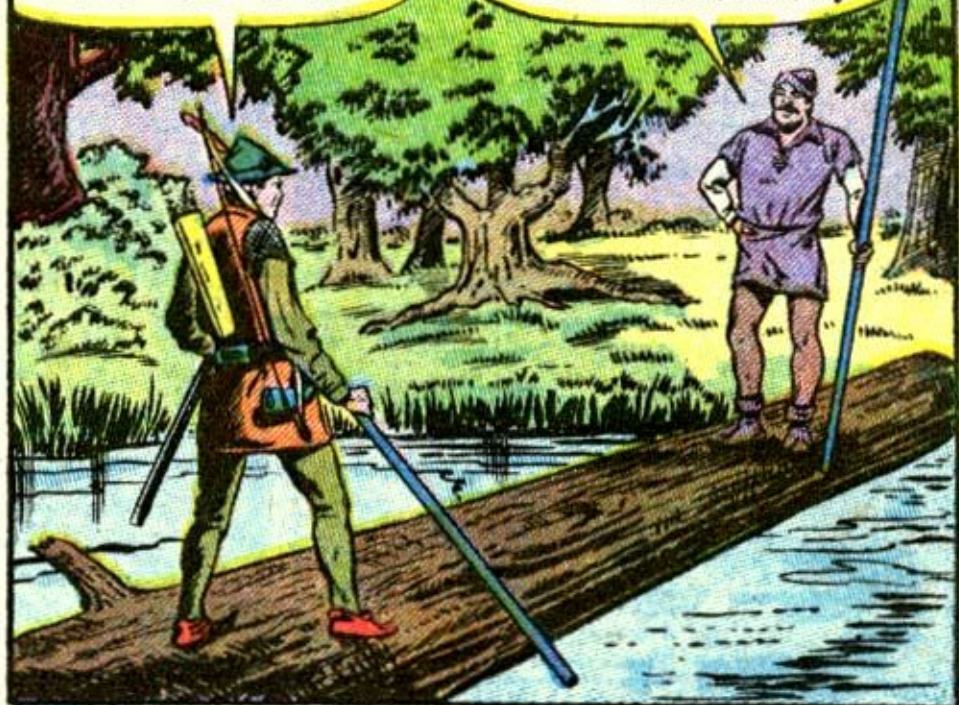
BLESS YOU, GOOD ROBIN! BLESS YOU AND YOUR MERRY MEN!



AS THEIR FAME SPREAD, MEN OF STOUT HEART CAME FROM FAR AND NEAR TO JOIN THE MERRY MEN! ON A CERTAIN DAY...

BACK UP, YOU MOUNTAIN OF MAN! CAN YOU NOT SEE I WISH TO CROSS? GIVE WAY FOR YOUR BETTER!

I'VE YET TO MEET MY BETTER, STRIPLING! STEP BACK ERE I WHACK YOU OFF WITH MY BLACKTHORN STAFF!



ROBIN'S ANSWER WAS A THUMP OF HIS STAFF AND THEY FELL TO WITH A WILL ON THE SLIPPERY LOG! FOR AN HOUR THEY DUELED...

PUFF! PANT!

I TROW, NEVER BEFORE HAS ANY MAN GIVEN ME SUCH A TUSSLE AT MY OWN GAME!

NOR DID I THINK TO MEET A MAN SO NEAR MY EQUAL!



THEN ROBIN HOOD'S FOOT SLIPPED!

HEY... BLUB!

OFF WITH YOU!



I'M SEEKING ONE CALLED ROBIN HOOD TO JOIN HIS BAND IF HE'LL HAVE ME! WHY DON'T YOU COME ALONG, LAD?

ROBIN HOOD WILL HAVE YOU AND GLADLY! I KNOW, FOR I'M ROBIN HOOD! HOW ARE YOU CALLED, BIG FELLOW?



YOU'LL THINK IT A JEST, BUT I AM JOHN LITTLE!

STAP ME, WE'LL TWIST THAT NAME AND SHARPEN THE JEST! HEREAFTER YOU'LL BE KNOWN AS *LITTLE JOHN*!



SO CAME LITTLE JOHN TO THE MERRY MEN...AND A FEW DAYS LATER...

HOLD, ROBIN! DO YOU NOT RECOGNIZE YOUR OWN KINSMAN? I CAME TO JOIN YOU!

WHA...? *COUSIN WILL*! I SWOW, I WAS BEDAZZLED BY THAT SCARLET JACKET! BLESSED IF I'LL NOT DUB YOU *WILL SCARLET* FOR IT!





IT WAS THEIR SPORT TO CHALLENGE LIKELY RECRUITS TO TEST THEIR METTLE! SOMETIMES THIS BROUGHT UNEXPECTED REVERSES!

LOOK YOU AT YON STOUT MILLER, ROBIN! HE'S NEAR AS BIG AS OUR LITTLE JOHN! MAYHAP HE'D JOIN OUR BAND?

FIRST WE'LL SEE IF HIS WIT IS SHARP, WILL! LET'S PRETEND WE MEAN TO ROB HIM AND SEE IF HE QUAILS!



SO SAYING, THEY LEAPED OUT, SCOWLING FIERCELY!

HAND OVER THY PURSE, MILLER! AND YOU LADS SPILL OUT HIS FLOUR TO SEE IF HE HAS GOLD HIDDEN INSIDE THE SACK!

PLEASE, GOOD ROBBERS! SPILL NOT MY FLOUR OR I AM UN-DONE! I WILL GIVE UP THE GOLD I HID IF YOU WILL SPARE ME!



FOR A MAN OF SUCH MUSCLE, YOU GIVE IN EASY, MILLER!

PLEASE, SIR, I LIKE NOT TROUBLE! I HAVE MY FORTUNE IN MY TWO HANDS NOW! I'LL BRING IT OUT!



FLOUR IS MY FORTUNE... AND HERE'S YOUR TITHE!

EEEEOW! MFFF-BFFF!

COUGH!

CA... CHEW! HALP!



FIE ON YOU, ROBBING AN HONEST MILLER! TAKE THAT, KNAVES!

OWOOO!

OWCH!

WAHHH!



UP RUSHED THE MERRY MEN, TORN BETWEEN ANGER AND LAUGHTER AT THE PLIGHT OF ROBIN HOOD AND HIS COMPANIONS!

HO-HO-HO! FUNNY AS IT IS, WE CAN'T HAVE YOU HUMBLING OUR MASTER ROBIN HOOD, MILLER!

ROBIN HOOD?

HOLD, LADS! WE WERE TESTING HIS COURAGE! HE HAS ENOUGH... WILL YOU JOIN MY BAND?



I WILL AND GLADLY! I'M KNOWN AS MIDGE, THE MILLER, AND I'VE OFT DREAMED OF MEETING ROBIN HOOD!

MIDGE? BUT THAT MEANS SMALL AND YOU'RE TOO MUCH MAN FOR THAT! I DUB THEE MUCH... MUCH THE MILLER! WELCOME TO THE MERRY MEN!





ONE DAY ROBIN HOOD MET A KIRTLE FRIAR WITH A SWORD AND PLAYED HIM A TRICK THAT LED TO COMBAT! FOR HOURS THEY HEWED AND PARRIED TO NO EFFECT!

ENOUGH, GOOD FRIAR! WE'RE TOO FAIRLY MATCHED! I'M ROBIN HOOD AND I FAIN WOULD HAVE A SWORD LIKE YOURS IN MY BAND!

I'M FRIAR TUCK, AND I FAIN WOULD JOIN! BUT FIRST I MUST HASTE TO MARRY THE MAID MARIAN TO SIR GUNDER!



WHA...? MAID MARIAN, MY CHILDHOOD PLAYMATE? BUT HOW COULD SHE BRING HERSELF TO WED THAT BLACK-HEARTED VILLAIN?

BEING A HELPLESS PRISONER, SHE HATH NO CHOICE! I LIKE IT NOT, BUT WHO DARES DEFY A FAVORITE OF PRINCE JOHN THE USURPER?



I DARE! I'LL CALL MY MERRY MEN AND RESCUE MAID MARIAN THIS NIGHT, I SWEAR!

AND MY SWORD WILL AID YOU! RESISTANCE TO TYRANNY WILL YET SAVE ENGLAND!



LATE THAT AFTERNOON...

MAID MARIAN IS PRISONER IN YON HIGH TOWER, ROBIN! DO WE STORM THE CASTLE FOR HER RESCUE?

NOT YET, FRIAR TUCK! THIS WAS MY OWN CASTLE AND I KNOW A SECRET PASSAGE! I'LL TRY FIRST ALONE! IF I FAIL, THEN ATTACK!



OOOHHH! SOB: IS THERE NO ONE TO SAVE ME FROM MY HIDEOUS FATE?



UP WITH YOU! 'TIS TIME TO CHANGE GUARDS!

AWRRK! SIR GUNDER... AND NEW GUARDS... COMING UP HERE!









THE NEXT MOMENT THE DOOR OF MAID MARIAN'S PRISON CHAMBER BURST OPEN!

WE MEET AGAIN, SIR THIEF! COME ONE OR ALL, I'LL MATCH STEEL WITH THE PACK OF YOU!



DON'T BE A FOOL! I'LL NOT RISK AN-OTHER TRICK ESCAPE, OUTLAW! HO! PIKE-MEN UP...ON THE DOUBLE!

SPARE THE MAID MARIAN IF YOU CAN...BUT GET YON OUTLAW AT ANY COST! HIS SWORD IS NO MATCH FOR YOUR SHAFTS!



THE FIERCE CHARGE! HOW CAN ANY MAN ESCAPE SUCH DOOM?



BUT WHO SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN LORD ROBERT THE SECRET PANELS AND PASSAGeways OF HUNTINGTON CASTLE?

NEAT TIMING, IF I MUST SAY IT MYSELF!



OOOFFF!

AGHHH!

THEY'RE SAFE! OUR GOOD MASTER ROBIN HAS DONE THE TRICK!

THE TRICK WAS IN THE ARCHERY THAT SPARED MY LIFE UP THERE, FRIAR TUCK! 'TIS A DEBT OF GRATITUDE I'LL BE OVERLONG IN REPAYING!



THIS IS MAID MARIAN, MY CHILDHOOD COMPANION! SHE WILL TARRY WITH US UNTIL HER DANGERS ARE PASSED!

HOLD, ROBIN! I WOULD TARRY WITH YOU UNTIL ENGLAND'S DANGERS ARE PASSED! AFTER ALL, I'VE LOST AS MUCH AS ALL OF YOU!



I AM AS CHEATED AND AS LOYAL TO KING RICHARD AS ANY MAN! I BEG LEAVE TO JOIN YOUR BAND AND SERVE ENGLAND'S CAUSE!

THEN I SAY, THrice WELCOME! WHAT SAY YOU ALL?

WELCOME!

WELCOME, MAID MARIAN!

WELCOME!





# Robin Hood

THE BAILIFF OF CRANSFORD LIVED FOR TWO GLUTTONOUS REASONS! TO FILL HIS BELLY WITH FOOD AND HIS POCKETS WITH GOLD! ALTHOUGH ROBIN HOOD COULD NOT TRIM THE FAT FROM THE BAILIFF'S FRAME, HE COULD PUT A STOP TO THE BAILIFF'S THIEVERY! IT WAS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT THE BOLD FORESTER BECAME...

## THE SCOURGE OF THE BAILIFF!

ZOUNDS! R-ROBIN HOOD DARES TO ATTACK ME IN MY OWN STRONGHOLD!

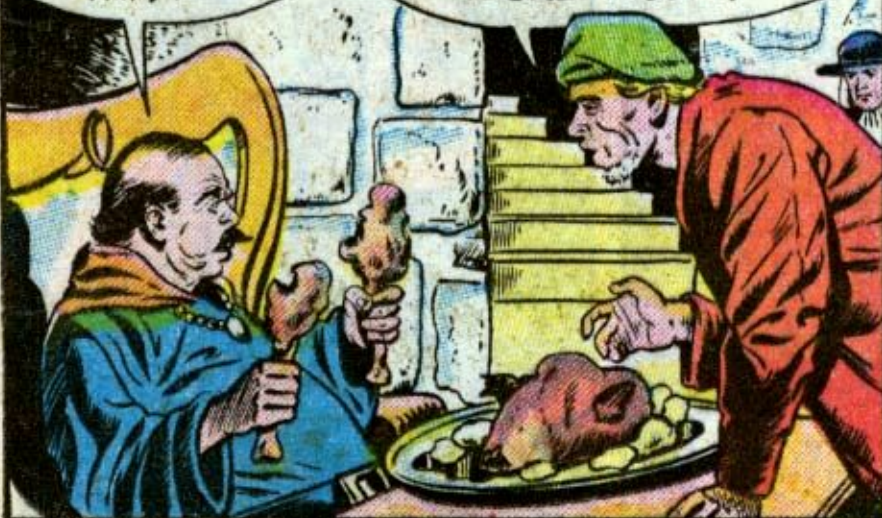
YES, VARLET! ONE THING ROBIN HOOD WILL NEVER BE ACCUSED OF! FEAR OF THIEVING RASCALS, EVEN IF THEY HAVE AN ARMY OF GUARDS!



AS USUAL, THE BAILIFF OF CRANSFORD WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE REPORTS OF HIS TAX COLLECTORS...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN... THE TOWNSPEOPLE WILL NOT PAY THE NEW TAXES? NUMB-SKULL! THEY MUST PAY!

I BEG PARDON, YOUR WORSHIP! THEY CANNOT PAY! WE HAVE BURDENED THEM SO MUCH THEY HAVEN'T ANY MONEY LEFT TO BUY FOOD WITH, LET ALONE PAY MORE TRIBUTE!



TRAITOR! DO YOU TAKE UP THEIR CAUSE? I'LL HAVE YOU LOCKED UP! I WANT NO EXCUSES, DO YOU HEAR? I WANT GOLD!

BUT THEY HAVE NO GOLD, YOUR WORSHIP! WE SWEAR IT!





THEN THEY'RE **HOARDING** IT! I'LL TEACH THESE ROGUES TO HOLD OUT ON ME! WHEN I LEVY A NEW TAX, THEY'LL **PAY** IT... **NO EXCUSES ACCEPTED!**



**ACCORDINGLY, THE NEXT DAY...**

BUT YOU CAN'T THROW MY HUSBAND IN JAIL! HE'S DONE NOTHING WRONG!

HE HASN'T PAID THE BAILIFF'S NEW TAX! STAND BACK, WOMAN, OR YOU'LL JOIN HIM IN THE JAILHOUSE!



BUT THE NEW TAX IS **UN-FAIR!** THE BAILIFF ONLY WANTS TO LINE HIS OWN POCKETS!

THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS! YOUR BUSINESS IS TO PAY WHAT HE ASKS! NOW PAY THE PENALTY!



ALL RIGHT, FOOLS! YOU DEFIED MY TAX-COLLECTORS! NOW SEE THE RESULT! FIFTY PEOPLE OF CRANSFORD WILL SIT IN THE JAILHOUSE FOR OPPOSING MY LAW!

B-BUT WE STARVE, YOUR WORSHIP! WE HAVE NO MONEY EVEN TO FEED OUR BABES!



YOUR BABES DON'T INTEREST ME! OTHERS WILL JOIN THE OFFENDERS IN THE DUNGEON UNLESS THEY PAY MY TAX-COLLECTORS!

BUT HOW CAN WE **FREE** OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES?



AN EXCELLENT QUERY! WITH **MONEY**, MY FRIEND! BY THE PAYMENT OF TWICE WHAT THEY OWED BEFORE THEY WERE TAKEN PRISONER! ... MOVE ON, OAF!

WE ARE LOST! WE ARE AT THIS ROGUE'S MERCY...AND THERE IS NO ONE TO SAVE US!



COURAGE, WOMAN! **ROBIN HOOD** WILL HEAR OF THIS INJUSTICE BY NIGHTFALL!





THAT NIGHT, IN SHERWOOD FOREST, AS WILL SCARLET MAKES HIS REPORT...

ALL THE GOLD AND VALUABLES WHICH THE BAILIFF SEIZES... WHERE DOES HE KEEP THEM, WILL? CERTAINLY NOT AT THE JAILHOUSE! IT COULD BE TOO EASILY STOLEN!

AYE, ROBIN! ONCE A MONTH THE BAILIFF MAKES A SHIPMENT TO DANCEFORTH CASTLE, WHERE FOR A CUT OF THE LOOT, THE BARON OF DANCEFORTH KEEPS IT *SAFE* FOR HIM!

IT WOULD BE NICE TO KNOW THE DAY THE BAILIFF MAKES HIS NEXT SHIPMENT! METHINKS THE BAILIFF'S WEALTH CAN BE PUT TO *FINER* USE THAN HERETOFORE, EH, WILL?

LEAVE IT TO ME, ROBIN! I WILL RETURN ERE COCK-CROW WITH THE INFORMATION!

THREE HOURS LATER, AT THE BOAR'S HOOF INN, IN CRANSFORD...

THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW, AT NOON! THAT'S WHEN WE SHIP AGAIN TO DANCEFORTH CASTLE!

INN-KEEPER, ANOTHER FOAMING TANKARD OF ALE FOR MY GOOD COMPANION!

AND HOW MANY MEN DOES THE BAILIFF SEND ALONG WITH THE SHIPMENT TO GUARD IT?

TWO DOZEN! I PITY THE HIGHWAYMAN WHO TRIES TO ATTACK US!... WE ARE INVINCIBLE!

TWO DAYS LATER, JUST BEFORE NOON...

ARE YOU SURE THE GUARD DIDN'T MIS-LEAD YOU, WILL?

POSITIVE, ROBIN! I CHECKED HIS STORY THREE TIMES! THE SHIPMENT WILL PASS THIS WAY WITHIN MINUTES!

YOU'RE RIGHT, WILL! HERE IT COMES! YOU KNOW YOUR ROLE!

PERFECTLY!

HALT! I AM WILL SCARLET! I CALL UPON THIS CARAVAN TO SURRENDER!

ZOUNDS! I *KNOW* THIS MAN! I CLINKED TANKARDS WITH HIM THE OTHER NIGHT AT THE BOAR'S HOOF! DOES THE FOOL THINK HE CAN SEIZE THIS SHIPMENT *SINGLE-HANDED*?





AND VICE VERSA!  
GO TO WORK, MEN  
OF SHERWOOD!



YIIIIII!

H-HELP!



GOOD WORK!  
WE'VE GOT  
'EM NOW!



E-ENOUGH!  
WE YIELD!  
HAVE MERCY,  
ROBIN HOOD!

AYE! YOU'LL HAVE  
MERCY, KNAVE! MORE  
MERCY THAN YOUR ROB-  
BER BAILIFF SHOWS THE  
PEOPLE OF CRANSFORD!



SHORTLY AFTER...

WE'VE  
TIED  
EVERY  
ONE OF  
'EM TO  
TREES,  
ROBIN!  
WHAT  
NEXT?

THERE WILL  
APPEAR AT  
THE JAILHOUSE THIS  
AFTERNOON A FOPPISH  
NOBLE CALLED THE  
DUKE DE GUICHE! FOR  
REASONS THAT WILL  
BAFFLE THE BAILIFF  
SOLELY, THE DUKE  
WILL PAY UP THE BACK  
TAXES FOR EACH OF THE  
IMPRISONED ONES...



...WITH THE  
BAILIFF'S  
OWN MONEY!

SERVE THE FAT ROGUE  
RIGHT! TRANSFER  
THE GOLD TO SACKS  
SO THE BAILIFF DOES  
NOT RECOGNIZE  
HIS CHEST!



HOURS LATER, AT THE CRANSFORD JAILHOUSE...

GUARDS! RELEASE ALL THE PRISONERS AND RESTORE THEIR VALUABLES TO THEM! BUT I *STILL* CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOUR ESTEEMED WORSHIP PARTS WITH HIS OWN GOOD GOLD FOR THESE WORTHLESS WRETCHES!

A MERE WHIM, DEAR BAILIFF! I HAVE SO MUCH TREASURE AND THIS CHARITY AMUSES ME!



THANK YOU! THANK YOU A THOUSAND TIMES, YOUR WORSHIP, FOR FREEING US! WE'LL NEVER FORGET IT!

NEITHER WILL I, MADAME!

AND NEITHER WILL THE *BAILIFF*, WHEN HE FINDS OUT *WHOSE* MONEY WAS USED FOR THEIR FREEDOM!



BUT AS THE WOMAN TURNS AWAY...

HOLD! SOMETHING IS AMISS! THIS IS NO DUKE DE GUICHE! THIS IS AN IMPOSTOR! IT'S...



AYE, BAILIFF! 'TIS ROBIN HOOD, WHO PAYS YOU BACK IN YOUR OWN COIN!

AFTER HIM! DON'T LET HIM ESCAPE!



AFTER HIM! I'LL HANG THE LOT OF YOU IF HE GETS AWAY!

HMM... I CAN'T TAKE THE HIGHWAY! I'LL BE RUN DOWN! I'LL DODGE THROUGH THE STREETS OF THE TOWN!



BUT ROBIN'S LUCK IS POOR! HE DASHES INTO A BLIND ALLEY!

THE SCOUNDREL'S HERE SOMEWHERE! SEARCH EVERY HOUSE!

W-WHAT IS IT? I HEAR SHOUTS!

MADAME, I AM IN PERIL OF MY LIFE! THE BAILIFF IS AFTER ME! YOU CAN HELP ME BY EXCHANGING COSTUMES WITH ME!



FIVE MINUTES LATER, AS THE BAILIFF'S HOUNDS REACH THE DOORWAY, THEIR PREY RUSHES FORTH...

OD'S BODKINS! OUT OF THE WAY, OLD WOMAN!

GLADLY! IN THIS DISGUISE, I CAN EASILY SLIP OUT OF TOWN!





# ROBIN HOOD TALES



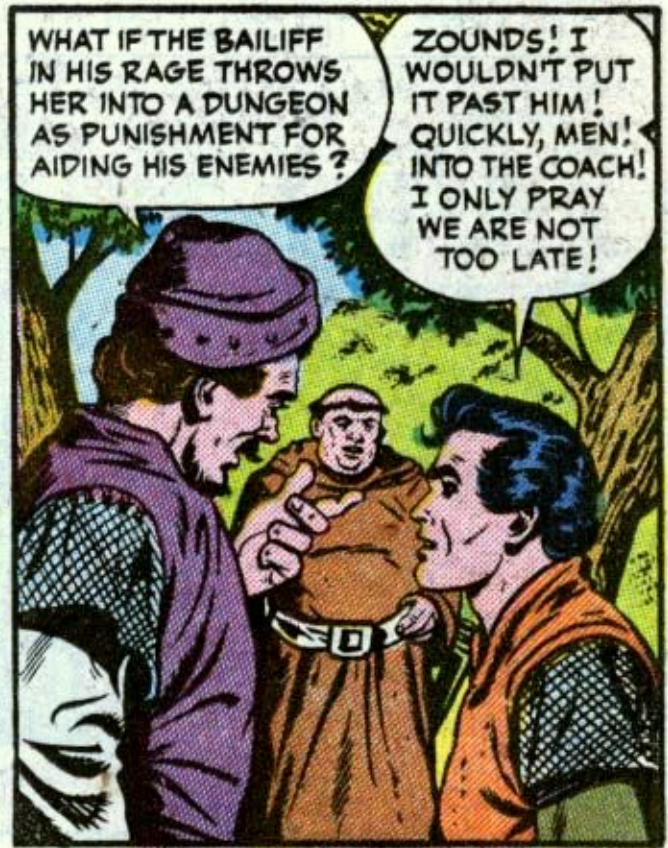
THIS IS THE *LEAST* I CAN DO FOR THE MAN WHO HELPS THE POOR AND OPPRESSED!



LATER, IN SHERWOOD FOREST, AS ROBIN HOOD EXPLAINS HIS NEW DISGUISE...

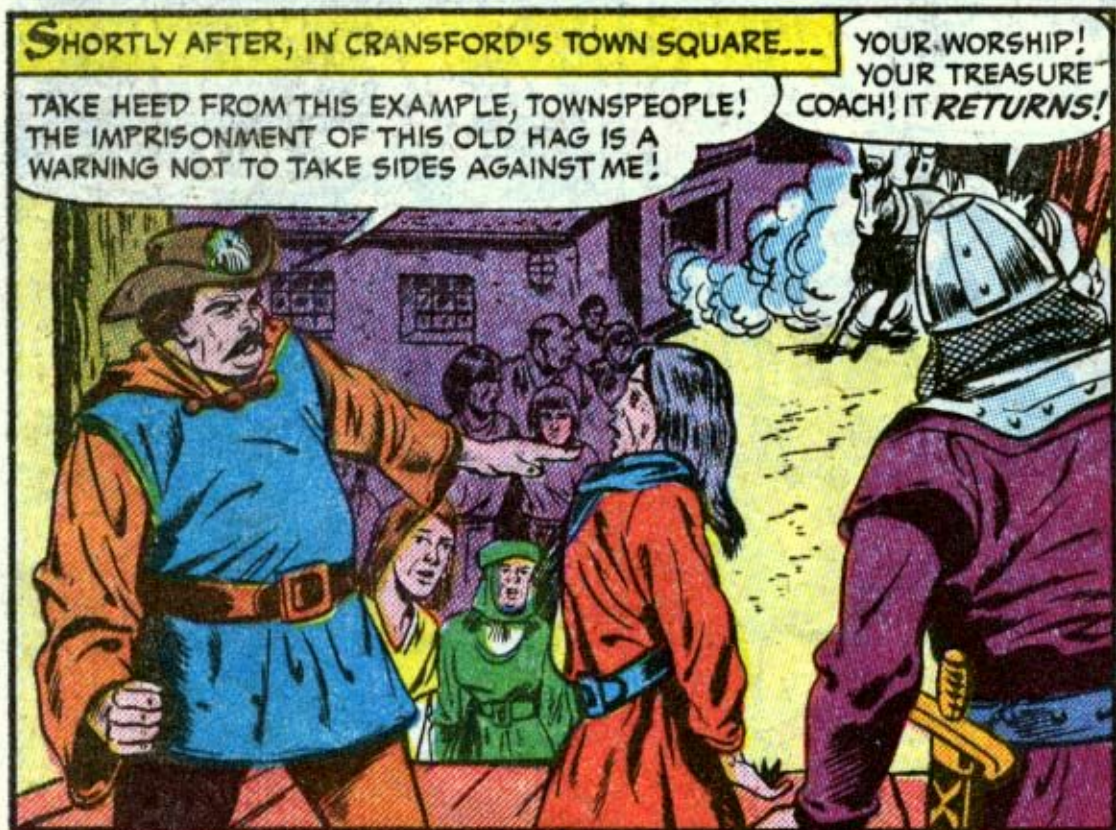
BLESSINGS ON THAT OLD WOMAN! WHAT A LAUGH SHE WILL HAVE WHEN THE BAILIFF DISCOVERS THAT THE DUKE DE GUICHE HE CAPTURED IS NOT I!

HOLD ON, ROBIN! WHAT IF THE BAILIFF HAS NO SENSE OF HUMOR?



WHAT IF THE BAILIFF IN HIS RAGE THROWS HER INTO A DUNGEON AS PUNISHMENT FOR AIDING HIS ENEMIES?

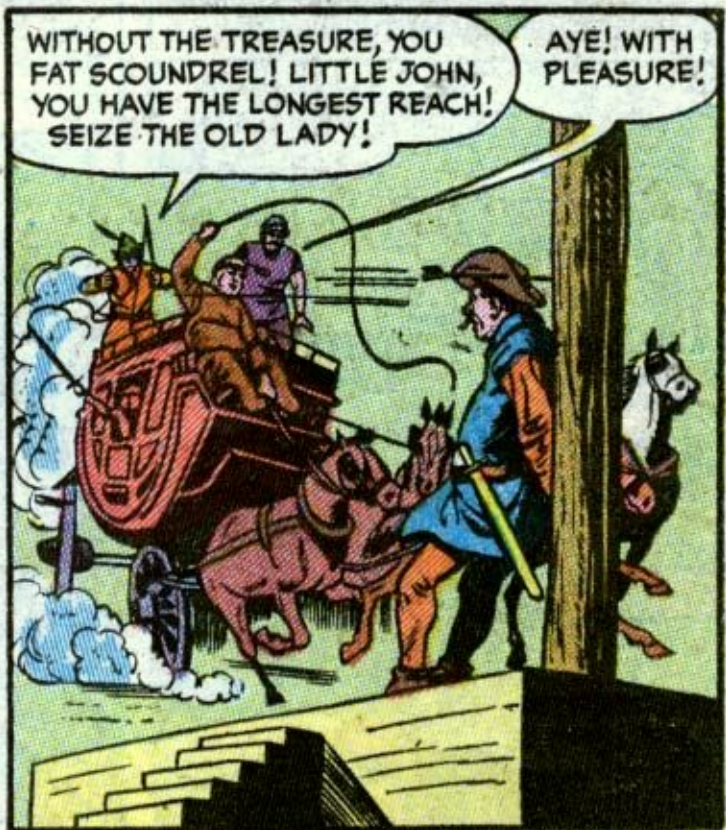
ZOUNDS! I WOULDN'T PUT IT PAST HIM! QUICKLY, MEN! INTO THE COACH! I ONLY PRAY WE ARE NOT TOO LATE!



SHORTLY AFTER, IN CRANSFORD'S TOWN SQUARE...

TAKE HEED FROM THIS EXAMPLE, TOWNSPEOPLE! THE IMPRISONMENT OF THIS OLD HAG IS A WARNING NOT TO TAKE SIDES AGAINST ME!

YOUR WORSHIP! YOUR TREASURE COACH! IT RETURNS!



WITHOUT THE TREASURE, YOU FAT SCOUNDREL! LITTLE JOHN, YOU HAVE THE LONGEST REACH! SEIZE THE OLD LADY!

AYE! WITH PLEASURE!



IF I HEAR OF FURTHER MISCHIEF ON YOUR PART, BAILIFF, YOU'LL BE THE SORRIEST MAN IN ENGLAND!

Y-YES! YES! ANYTHING, ROBIN! ONLY...DON'T SHOOT! D-DON'T!



THAT NIGHT THERE IS A GAY CELEBRATION IN SHERWOOD FOREST, WITH THE LITTLE WOMAN COOKING THE JUICIEST VENISON THE BAND EVER TASTED!

RELEASE THE BAILIFF'S MEN! WE'LL SHOW THEM WE'RE MERCIFUL! WE'LL PACK 'EM OFF TO CRANSFORD WITH A GOOD MEAL UNDER THEIR BELTS!

THAT'S SO LIKE YOU, ROBIN HOOD! YOUR MERCY IS AS HUGE AS YOUR COURAGE! LET YOUR EVIL ENEMIES HATE YOU! THE PEOPLE KNOW YOU BETTER...AS THE SCOURGE OF THE BAILIFF!



# Robin Hood

*This* WAS A SITUATION TO MAKE EVEN THE STOUT HEART OF ROBIN HOOD QUAIL! THE GREEDY TAX COLLECTOR, TASSIUS, HAD ELUDED THE MERRY MEN WHO SOUGHT TO RECOVER HIS ILL-GOTTEN GAINS! STILL WORSE, ROBIN HOOD'S CLOSEST COMRADES, LITTLE JOHN AND WILL SCARLET, WERE PRISONERS OF THE WICKED SHERIFF! THEN, WHEN IT SEEMED NAUGHT BUT DARK DISASTER WAS THEIR LOT, THE HEAVENS OPENED TO CONFOUND THE EVIL WITH A TINKLING MIRACLE...

## The GOLDEN RAIN





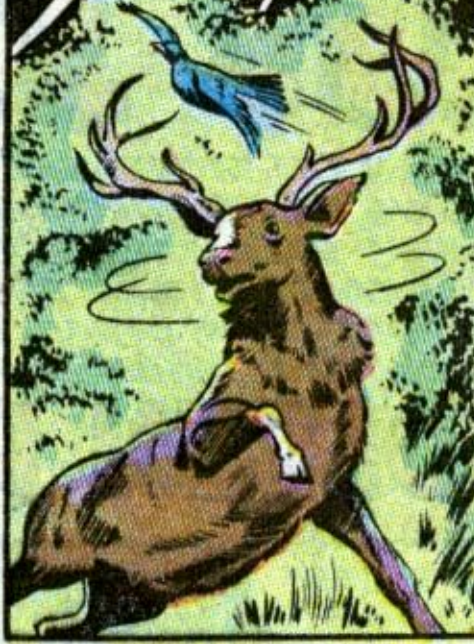
NOWHERE ELSE ON EARTH WERE THE GLENS SO SUNNY AND PEACEFUL, THE CREATURES OF NATURE SO AT EASE AS IN THE GREEN DEPTHS OF SHERWOOD FOREST...



...EXCEPT SOMETIMES!

HAVE AT THEE, KNAVE!

I'LL BASH THY---OWWW!



TO THE COACH, MY MERRY MEN! YON FAT GOOSE SITS ON A GOLDEN EGG, METHINKS!

EEEEAAA! ROBIN HOOD AND HIS OUTLAWS! WHIP UP! BEGONE!



EEOWW! STOP HIM!

STOP HIM YOURSELF, FRIAR TUCK! YOU'VE MORE WEIGHT FOR IT THAN I!



THOSE FIENDS! THOSE ROBBERERS! OH, MY GOLDEN TREASURE! OH, MY QUIVERING FLESH! FASTER! FASTER!



OOOFF! OOWWW!

FIE UPON YOU, FIGHTING AMONGST YOURSELVES LIKE THIS!



WATCH OUT, WILL SCARLET!

FEAR NOT, COUSIN ROBIN! THIS IS BUT CHILDISH SPORT!



SEE? I'VE NOT HAD A TOP TO SPIN SINCE I WAS YOUNG!

YIIII! HALP! STOP ME!









OUR MASTER HAS FLED! LET BE AND TAKE AFTER HIM!

LET THEM GO! THE TAX COLLECTOR'S GAINS HAVE SLIPPED OUR FINGERS FOR THE NONCE! WE MUST DRAW NEW PLANS!



DO THE TAX COLLECTORS YEOMEN FLED... WAT THE TINKER SPOKE TO ROBIN HOOD!

'T WAS RARE FINE SPORT WHILE IT LASTED, MASTER ROBIN!

BUT ILLY-PAID, WAT! WE LET SLIP THE GOLD, OUR LITTLE JOHN MOULDERS IN THE DUNGEON AND NOW WILL SCARLET HAS THRUST HEAD IN NOOSE TO SAVE HIM!



MEANWHILE WILL SCARLET FLED WITH THE YEOMEN, HIS MAKESHIFT DISGUISE IN CONSTANT DANGER OF EXPOSURE!

HO, DICKON, WHAT MEANS THE MASK?

'T IS NOT A MASK BUT BANDAGE! GROOAN! AN OUTLAW FETCHED ME A CLIP THAT LIKE TO 'VE BROKEN MY JAW!



There WAS SAFETY FOR ALL BUT WILL SCARLET WITHIN THE STOUT WALLS OF NOTTINGHAM TOWN!

WHA...? WHY, IT'S TASSIUS THE TAX COLLECTOR AND ALL IN A SWEAT!

GOOD SHERIFF, G-GUARD ME! THE WICKED OUTLAWS OF THE FOREST DRUBBED MY POOR MEN AND SOUGHT TO STEAL MY HARD-EARNED GOLD!



DID THEY, NOW? AH-HA! IF I KNOW THAT SCOUNDREL, ROBIN HOOD, HE'LL NOT REST UNTIL HE'S TRIED AGAIN TO ROB YOU!

EEK! I DEMAND PROTECTION! AT RISK OF LIFE AND LIMB I COLLECTED THE TAX GOLD FOR PRINCE JOHN... AND A SMALL SHARE FOR MYSELF!



YOU'LL HAVE IT... AND DOUBLE! NOW COME VIEW THE OUTLAW WE CAUGHT LAST EVE, SNEAKING INTO THE CITY IN DISGUISE!

'T IS LITTLE JOHN HE SPEAKS OF! I MUST FIND HIS WHEREABOUTS... AND THERE'S BUT ONE SURE WAY!



A BOON, GOOD MASTER TASSIUS! 'T WOULD SOOTHE MY ACHING JAW IF I COULD BUT SEE THIS OUTLAW MONSTER BEHIND BARS!

THEN COME ALONG, MAN! YOUR FIGHT EARNED YOU THE RIGHT TO MOCK HIS FLIGHT! BESIDES I NEED A GUARD TO WATCH O'ER ME!



But THAT MOMENT, AT THE OUTER GATE...

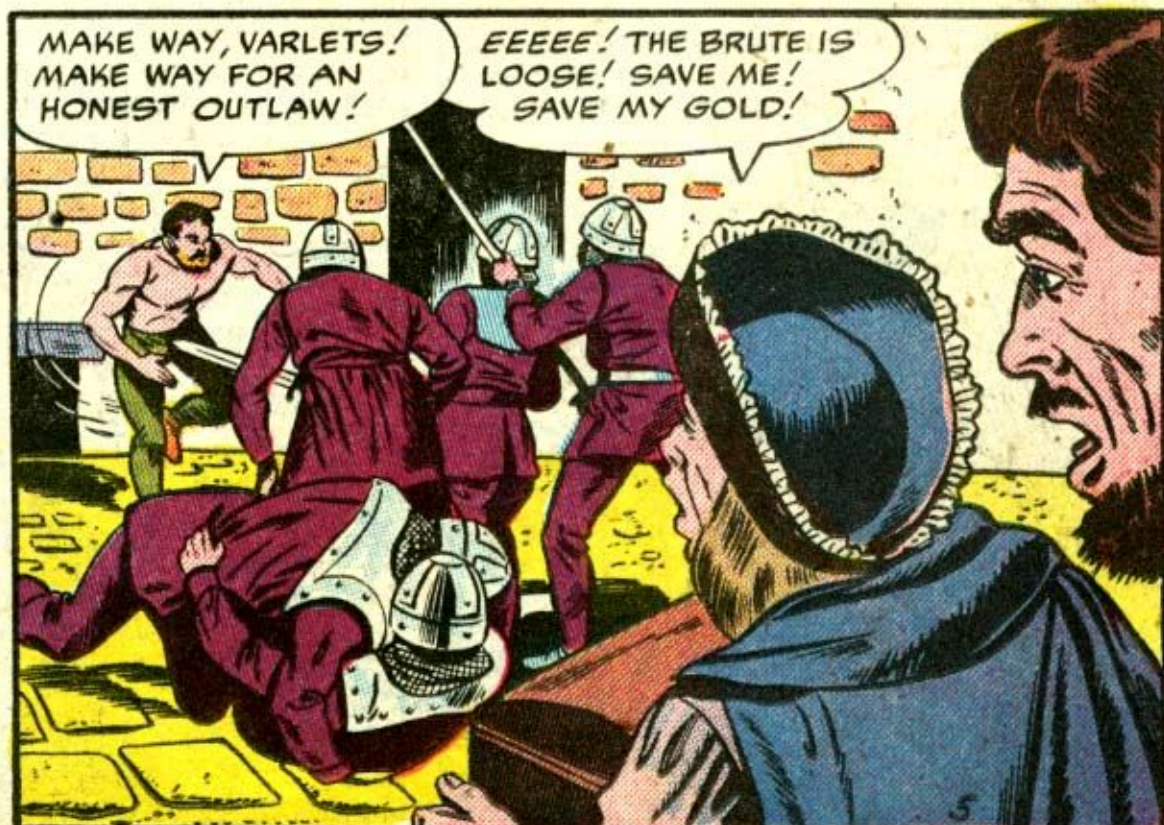
I TELL YOU, I'M DICKON, A YEOMAN OF TASSIUS! THERE'S AN OUTLAW WITHIN, DISGUISED IN MY RAIMENT AND ARMOR!

WE'LL SOON SEE! TWO OF YOU MARCH HIM HITHER WHILE WE SEEK A WORD WITH TASSIUS!





# ROBIN HOOD TALES









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*The DREARY HOURS DRAG ON THE SUNSET!*

STAP ME, I'LL NOT ROOST HERE LIKE A PIGEON FOREVER! WHAT SAY WE CHARGE DOWN AND TAKE A FEW KNAVES WITH US ERE WE FALL?

I'M FOR IT, WILL, BUT LET'S WAIT UNTIL DAWN! I'VE LITTLE STOMACH FOR DYING IN THE DARK!



*WITH NIGHTFALL A FRIEND OF THE OUT-LAWS SLIPPED FROM TOWN TO CARRY THE GRIM NEWS TO ROBIN HOOD!*

...AND THERE'S NO HOPE OF RESCUE, ROBIN! THERE ARE DOUBLE GUARDS ON THE WALLS AND NO MAN ENTERS THE GATE UNLESS IDENTIFIED!

I'LL NOT LOSE WILL AND LITTLE JOHN FOR WANT OF TRYING! 'TIS TIME TO MATCH FORCE WITH FORCE! WE'LL STORM THE WALL!



BUT GOOD ROBIN, YOUR VICTORIES HAVE BEEN WON WITH GUILT! TO STORM THOSE SOLID WALLS WILL COST DEARLY IN LIVES!

LET BE, FRIAR TUCK! SOUND THE HUNTING HORN FOR ALL MERRY MEN TO ASSEMBLE AT ONCE! WE ATTACK NOTTINGHAM AT DAWN!



*Thrice THE HUNTING HORN SOUNDS... AND FROM THE DEPTHS OF SHERWOOD FOREST COMES ITS ANSWER...*



*And BY THE FIRST GRAY LIGHT OF DAWN...*

MY HEART IS HEAVY, MASTER ROBIN, FOR THE GOOD LADS WE'LL LOSE THIS DAY!

AND MINE, FRIAR TUCK! BUT WHAT CAN'T BE WON WITH STEALTH MUST BE TAKEN WITH STEEL AND SHAFT!



*ROBIN HOOD'S PLAN OF ASSAULT WAS CLEVER AND SUCCESSFUL!*

NOW! HIT IT ONCE MORE, LADS, AND WE'LL BREACH THE GATES!

AND NOT AN ARROW'S TOUCHED US, THANKS TO YOUR SCHEME OF SHIELDING US, MASTER ROBIN!



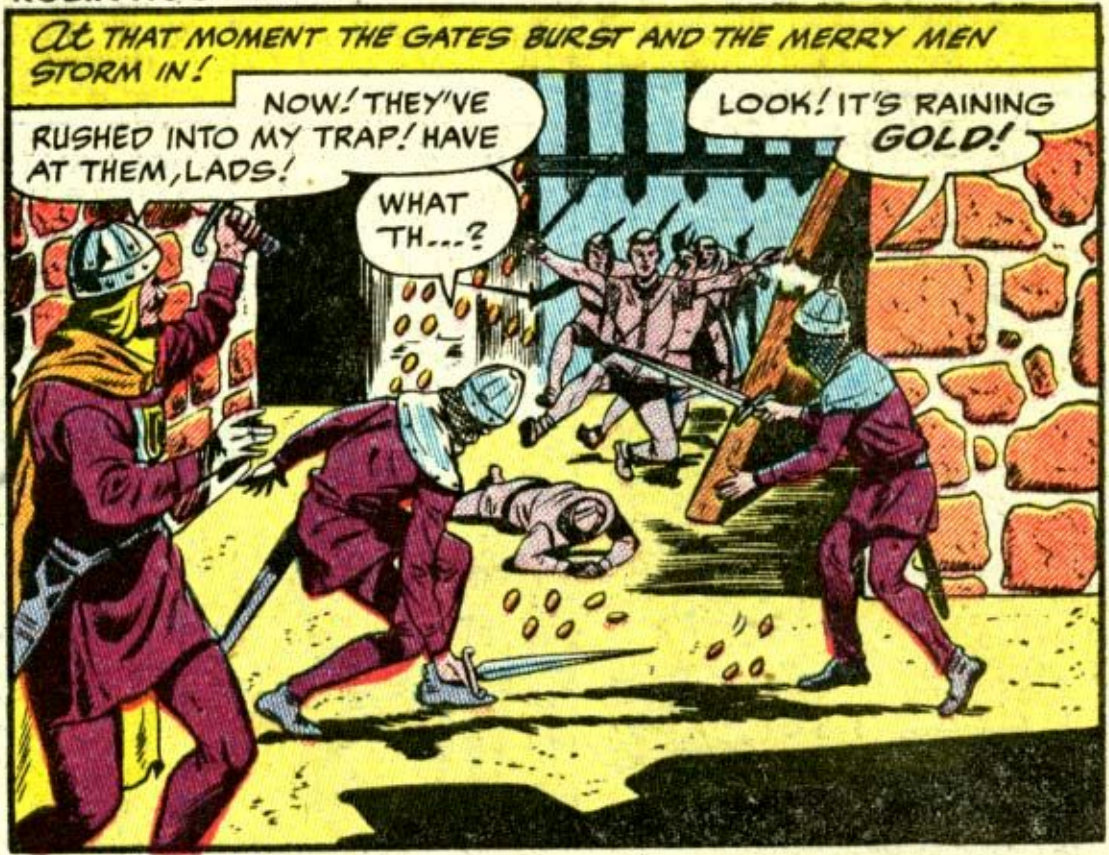
*WHILE FROM THEIR PERCH ON THE TOWER ABOVE...*

'TIS A TRAP! THE SHERIFF'S ASSEMBLED ALL HIS MEN TO FALL UPON OUR COMRADES WHEN THEY ENTER! IF WE COULD ONLY WARN ROBIN!

MAYHAP WE CAN DO EVEN BETTER, LITTLE JOHN! QUICK... HELP ME LIFT THIS CHEST OF GOLD TO THE BATTLEMENT!











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# The HUNTING of Ned Soth

**N**OW hard by Dorset Town there dwelt a stout lad by the name of Ned Soth, a maker of fine bows and arrows and a spinner of good bowstrings. There was nothing Ned loved better than the hunt. In those merry days, only certain great stags were marked to be the King's Deer and all others were for the people to hunt as they sought fit.

Then Good King Richard, the Lion-Hearted, went off to the Crusades and England fell on evil days. Richard's wicked half-brother, Prince John, did usurp the throne and proclaim himself ruler of the land. Among the evil decrees he issued came one that struck anger in every heart. Henceforth, it read, all the deer in the forest were the property of the King, and no man might shoot one on pain of being hanged from the gallows.

"Now what are we expected to eat, if not good venison?" demanded Ned of the King's Forester who posted the notice.

"Roots and berries," quoth the Forester with a rough laugh. "Or come in and bow *allegiance* to Prince John, whereupon he will issue you special permission to hunt venison."

"Never," spat Ned. "Richard and none other is my king. But I trow, I'll eat venison none the less."

"Try it," said the Forester, "and you'll hang." No sooner was the Forester gone than Ned took his stoutest bow and straightest arrows and tramped off to the forest. In time he spied a herd of deer and in a trice the noblest stag lay upon the greensward with Ned's arrow through its heart.

As Ned rushed forward to take his prize, four rough Foresters burst from a thicket with drawn swords. Ned had no sword but he did carry a staff of stout oak and he planted himself grimly, back to a tree, the staff whistling as it spun in the air. "Now if ye be cowards that set sharp steel against wood and four knaves against one honest man, come and try my mettle."

With roars and curses, the four lunged at Ned. His staff whipped and spun and one of the Foresters felt its weight on his neck, where his helmet gave no protection. He went down with his wits addled. Then the others fell to more strongly and it was soon plain to Ned that his moments were numbered. He cast about until his glance fell upon the hulk of a dead tree still standing.

Backing slowly, fighting at every step, he worked close to this tree. Then suddenly, beating aside the questing swords, he sprang back and brought his staff against the dead trunk with a mighty whack. At the impact, all the dead wood and rotted bark sprang away in a great choking cloud. This cloud

flew into the faces of the Foresters, blinding them.

As they stumbled around, coughing and cursing, Ned darted past, hoisted his deer onto his back and was off through the forest at a run.

But the deer was heavy and steps grew slower. Then, behind him he heard the Foresters, their eyes cleared of dust, in hot pursuit. He might still outrun them if he would abandon the heavy deer, but this he would not do. He cast about for another trick and presently he saw what he needed.

He darted into a thicket, dumped his burden and nocked an arrow to his bow. In a moment the Foresters appeared. At once the bowstring twanged and the arrow sped true. It went not at the Master Forester, but upward to a fat gray hornet's nest that hung from a branch. It clipped the narrow thread by which the nest hung and sent it tumbling down, right onto the heads of his pursuers. In a moment the angry hornets came buzzing out and Ned raced off with his deer once more, hearing behind him howls of anguish.

But even this was not enough. Ere long Ned heard crashing footsteps behind and saw two of the ugliest Foresters still on his heels. Their faces were swollen from stings and they panted from exertion, but their rage drove them onward.

"Now this is too long a chase," Ned puffed. "I must end it quickly or 'twill be my own end."

He thought swiftly of ways to save himself and his deer and an idea came. Slowing up to make certain he would be seen and followed, Ned plunged along a narrower path that led to a spot he knew.

This was a place where an underground cave had collapsed to let the earth fall in, leaving a deep hole with steep and crumbling sides. Now desperation gave wings to Ned's feet and he set himself to run faster than before. When he reached the pit, he was well ahead of his last pursuers.

Dropping his deer, Ned quickly uprooted some bushes and stamped them down in front of the hole so they appeared to grow there naturally. Then he darted around to the far side of the pit, took up his deer and boldly showed himself.

Yelling with rage, the two Foresters rushed toward him, thinking of nothing but the delight of laying hands on that jeering rogue. They burst through the bushes and the next moment they were tumbling and crashing into the hole.

Ned looked down at them. "You'll figure a way to get out in time," he told them. "But meanwhile, you can pass the time by thinking of the fine venison roasting on my fire." Then he turned and hurried off to his feast.

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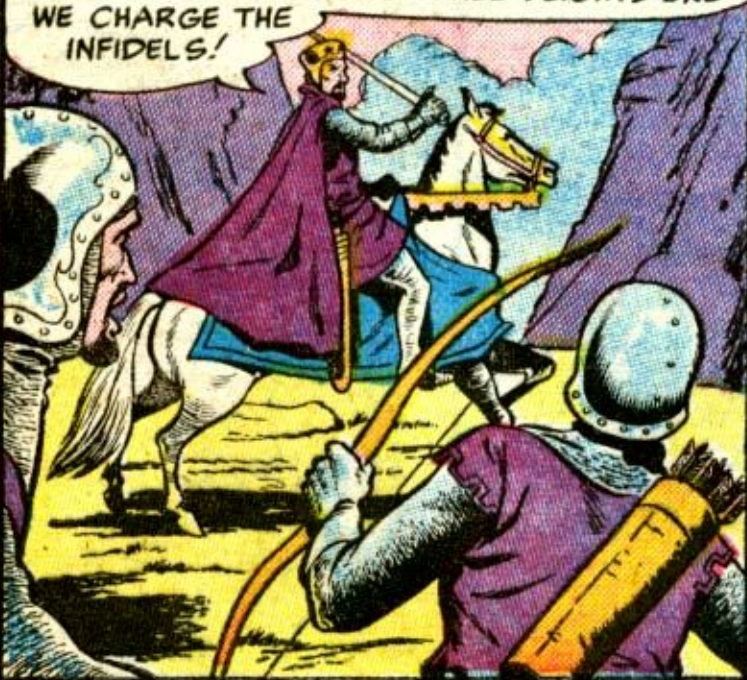
# SARACEN AMBUSH



EAST AND THEN SOUTH AROUND THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA MARCHED THE GREAT ARMY OF THE CRUSADERS... SWORN TO GIVE THEIR LIVES IF NECESSARY TO DRIVE THE SARACENS FROM THE HOLY LAND! AT THEIR HEAD RODE KING RICHARD, THE LION-HEARTED! AND UP ON THE CLIFFS LAY THE FIERCE HORDES OF SELJUK SARACENS, WATCHING THE INVADERS MARCH INTO THEIR TRAP!

AT THE MOUTH OF KASSIR PASS THE SARACEN HORDES HAD MASSED TO HALT THE CRUSADERS AND KING RICHARD HIMSELF GAVE THE ORDER TO OPEN THE BATTLE!

ARCHERS, DRAW YOUR SHAFTS! LET GO THREE FLIGHTS ERE WE CHARGE THE INFIDELS!



LOOSE SHAFTS!



BUT THE SARACEN SHIELDS WERE CUNNINGLY SLANTED TO TURN THE DEADLY CLOTHYARD SHAFTS!





FORWARD, MY KNIGHTS!  
YOEMEN, FALL UPON THE  
ENEMY AS OUR LANCES  
BREAK THEIR  
LINES!



THE VALLEY SHOOK TO THE THUNDER OF  
POUNDING HOOFs AS KING RICHARD  
LED HIS KNIGHTS IN THE CHARGE!



FOR THE  
FAITH!

ALLAH -  
IL-ALLAH!

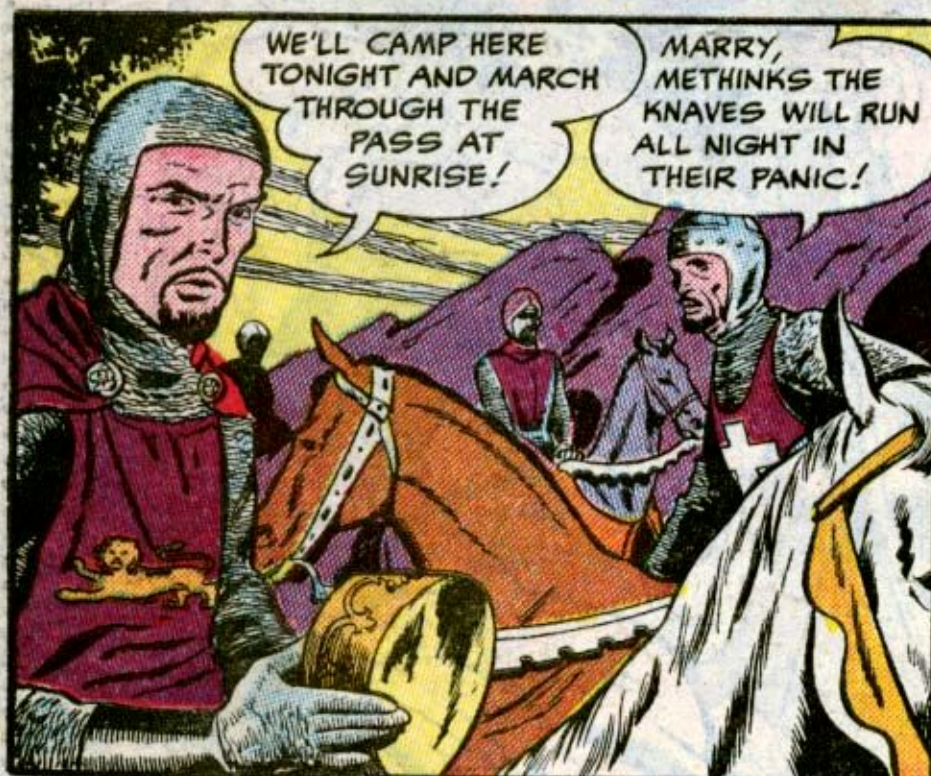
BUT THE SARACEN LINE CRUMPLED  
BEFORE THE TERRIBLE LANCES! IN  
A MOMENT THE WHOLE FORCE OF  
THE ENEMY WAS IN WILD FLIGHT!

THE VARLETS FLEE LIKE RABBITS!  
LET BE, STOUT KNIGHTS! 'TIS TOO  
NEAR NIGHTFALL TO PURSUE THEM  
TONIGHT!



WE'LL CAMP HERE  
TONIGHT AND MARCH  
THROUGH THE  
PASS AT  
SUNRISE!

MARRY,  
METHINKS THE  
KNAVES WILL RUN  
ALL NIGHT IN  
THEIR PANIC!



But  
THE  
SARACEN  
LEADER  
WAS  
AKIM,  
THE  
SLY...  
A WARRIOR  
AS CUN-  
NING AS  
HE WAS  
FIERCE  
IN  
BATTLE!

WE'VE RUN FAR ENOUGH!  
TRUMPETER, SUMMON  
MY LEADERS!



ALLAH AKBAR, MIGHTY  
AKIM, YOU FOOLED THE  
INVADERS NEATLY!  
THEY THINK WE  
STILL FLEE IN  
TERROR!

WITH DARK  
WE SLIP  
BACK TO THE  
PASS AND LAY  
OUR AMBUSH! AT  
DAWN THE ENEMY  
WILL MARCH RIGHT  
INTO MY TRAP!



ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT THE FIERCE  
SARACENS CREPT BACK TO TAKE  
POSITIONS ON THE CLIFFS ABOVE  
THE NARROW PASS!

THE FOOLS SLEEP,  
THINKING NO  
ENEMY IS NEAR!  
TOMORROW WE'LL  
PUT THEM TO A  
SLEEP THAT WILL  
NEVER END!

MY TRAP  
CANNOT FAIL!  
WE'LL FALL UPON  
THEM FROM  
BOTH SIDES!  
WIPE OUT THEIR  
KNIGHTS IN  
ARMOR FIRST!



BUT THEIR KING...  
THE ONE CALLED  
RICHARD THE LION-  
HEARTED... HE IS  
MINE! LET NO ONE  
BUT ME LAY SWORD  
TO HIM!





# ROBIN HOOD TALES

THE CRUSADERS WERE ASTIR BEFORE DAWN... AND WHEN AT LAST THE SUN ROSE...

FORWARD, MY KNIGHTS! I SHALL LEAD THE WAY THROUGH THE PASS!



LET THEM FALL INTO THE PASS BEFORE WE STRIKE! THEN SEE THAT NOT ONE OF THEM ESCAPES OUR SHAFTS OR STEEL!



THE CRUSADERS CAME ON INTO THE DEADLY AMBUSH! WITH AKIM'S CRY, EVERY ROCK AND BUSH SEEMED TO SPROUT A SAVAGE ENEMY!

ULAH-LAH-LAH! STRIKE!

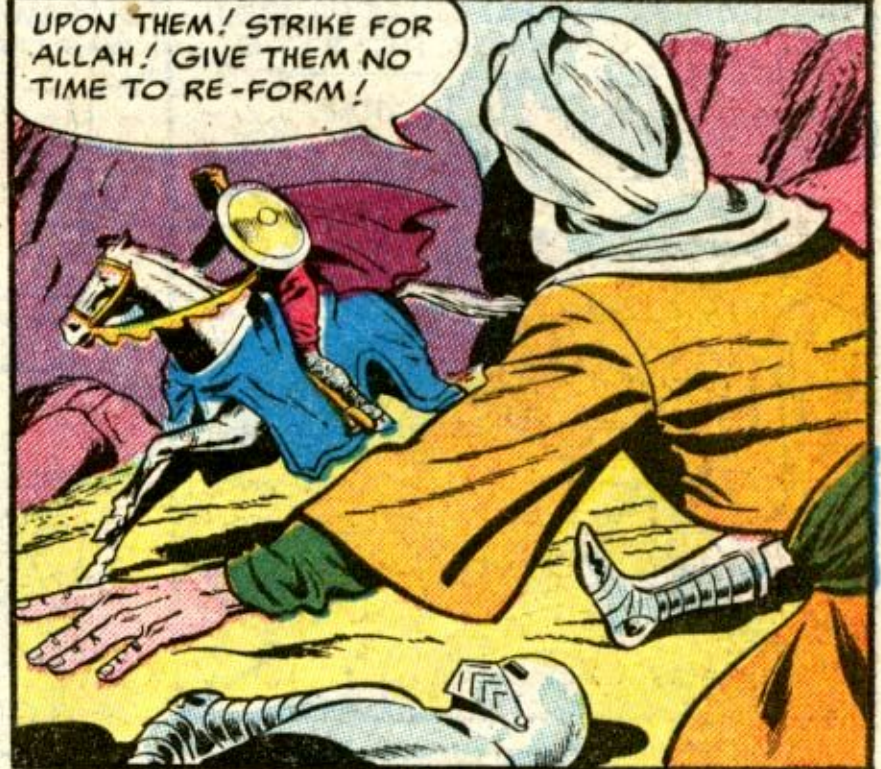


A TRAP! A TRAP! ARCHERS FORM BEHIND YOEMEN!



IN THE SPACE OF MOMENTS, ONLY KING RICHARD REMAINED ON HIS HORSE! IT SEEMED NO CRUSADER COULD SURVIVE THE TRAP!

UPON THEM! STRIKE FOR ALLAH! GIVE THEM NO TIME TO RE-FORM!



A CHALLENGE! A CHALLENGE, CHRISTIAN KING!

ACCEPTED, INFIDEL!



Then, AS THE TWO GREAT LEADERS CAME FACE TO FACE, KING RICHARD UTTERED A STRANGE COMMAND!

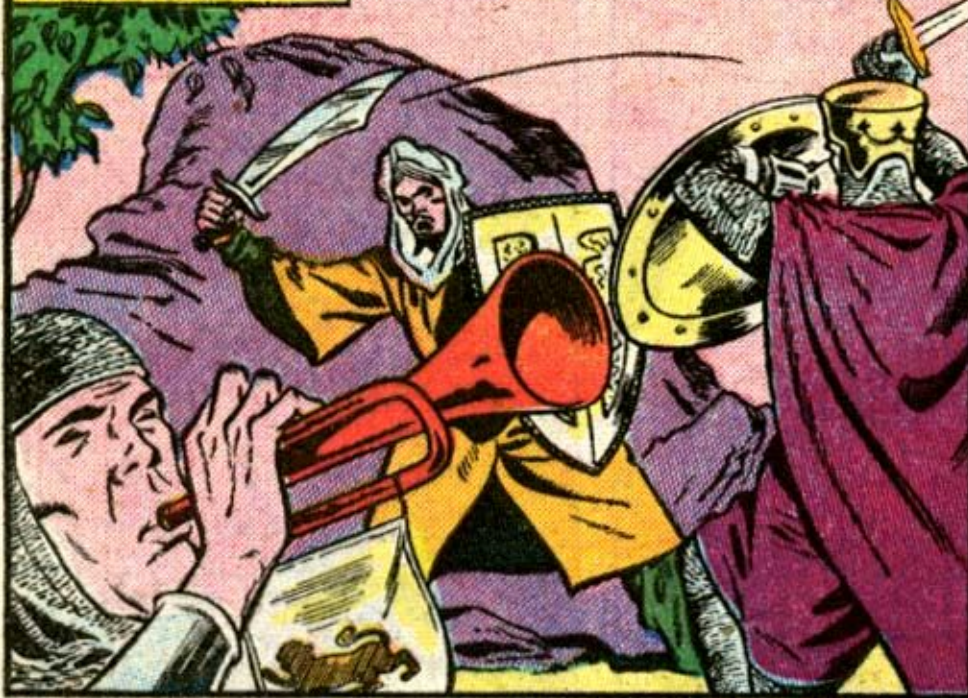
YOUR KNIGHTS ARE WIPED OUT, OH KING! NOW WILL I DESTROY THEE AND ALL THY FOLLOWERS!

THE TIME IS COME! TRUMPETER, SOUND THE CHARGE!





THE CLEAR NOTES OF THE TRUMPET ROSE ON THE MORNING AIR...



AND A MOMENT LATER...

FOR THE FAITH! FALL UPON THE INFIDELS! SPARE THEM NOT!



ONLY THEN DID REALIZATION COME TO AKIM, THE SLY!

AIEEE! WE HAVE BEEN TRICKED, MIGHTY AKIM! THESE WERE BUT EMPTY SUITS OF ARMOR, TIED TO THE HORSES TO FOOL US!

A TRAP!



THINK YOU, INFIDEL, THAT MY WITS ARE DEAD? YOUR RETREAT OF YESTERDAY WAS TOO EASILY ACCOMPLISHED! YOUR TRAP WAS OBVIOUS!

UNBELIEVER!

YOU SENT YOUR KNIGHT AROUND BEFORE DAWN TO FLANK US WHILE WE SHOT OUR ARROWS AT THEIR EMPTY SUITS!



WITH THE KNOWLEDGE CAME TERROR!

FLEE! HEAR ME, OH

FAITHFUL! BEGONE FROM THIS TRAP!

THEY RUN AGAIN ... BUT THIS TIME IT IS NOT A TRICK!



THE FLIGHT BECAME A ROUT AS KING RICHARD'S KNIGHTS MOUNTED THEIR HORSES AND GAVE CHASE!

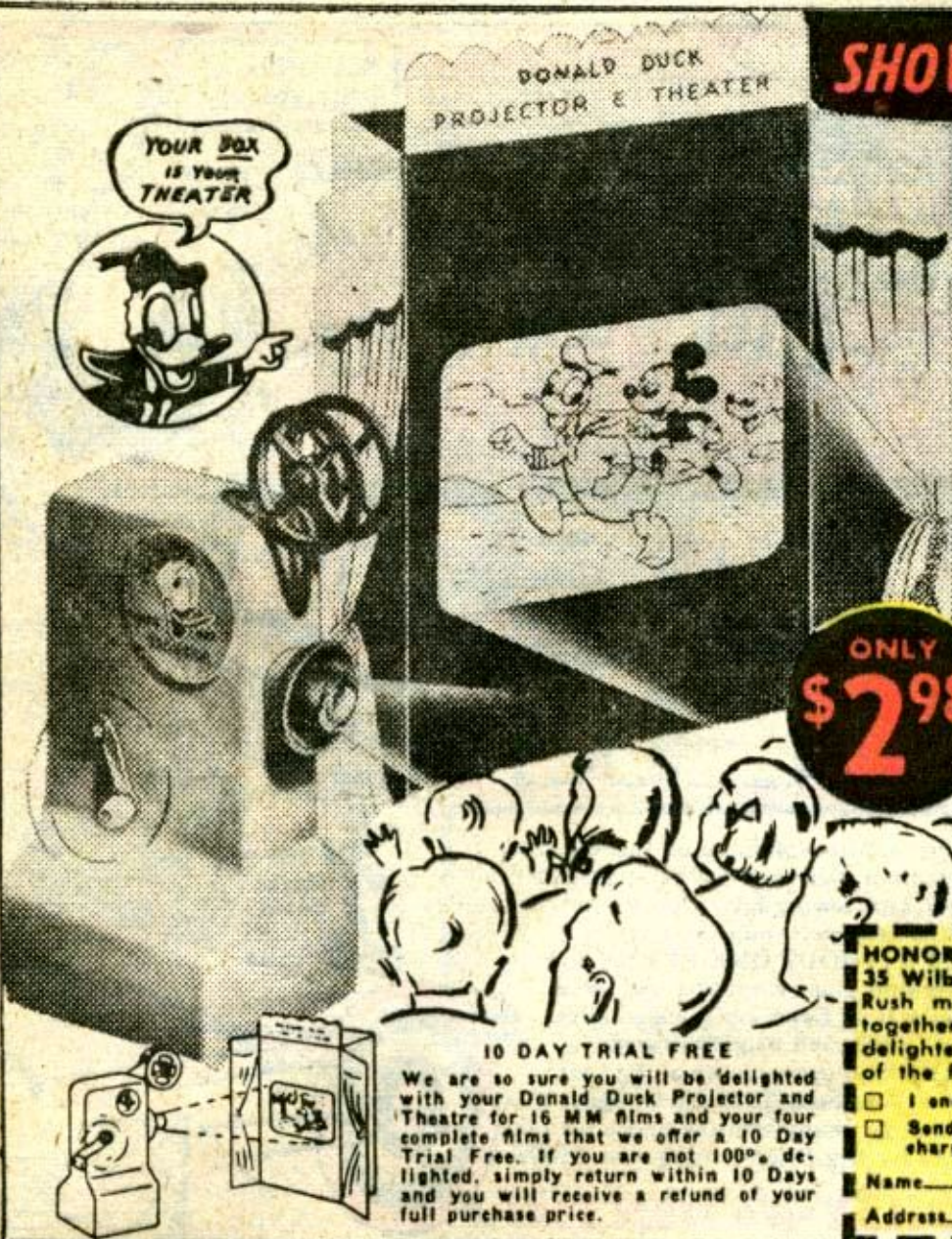


IN CAMP THAT NIGHT, KING RICHARD SENT OFF THE NEWS OF THEIR VICTORY BY TRUSTED COURIER!

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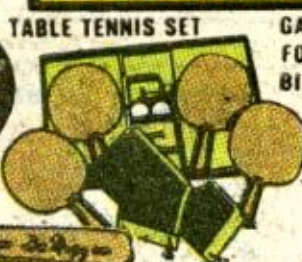
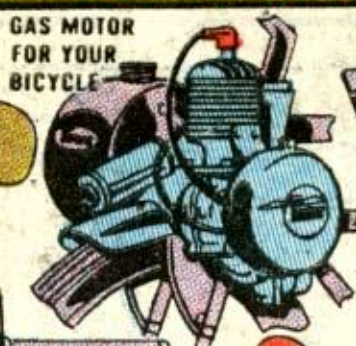
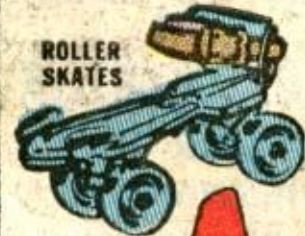
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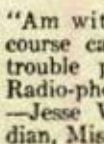
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